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Al-Manar publishes the complete translation of the New York Times investigation of the Central Intelligence Agency.

The Central Intelligence Agency made the front pages recently in to crises. They showed that the agency interfered in the charge of slander of one of its agents and stopped him from talking without giving any explanation, except to say that he was carrying out his duties for the National Security Agency. Then the news mentioned that it had at least five agents among the Michigan University professors who were influencing foreign aid projects in Vietnam for some years. However, the true mission of those agents and the conditions surrounding their employment is still a subject if not of news value, then because their effectiveness raises many questions about the aims and methods of the Central Intelligence Agency and its relations in other international circles and nongovernmental institutions. Frequently, questions are raised regarding control of the Central Intelligence Agency within government circles on its freedom and on its role in foreign affairs. With the aim of getting at the root of this problem and determining the extent of the influence of the agency's activity on general political questions in the United States, the New York Times newspaper spent several months of study of the subject of the agency and published a series of reports of what was discovered by Tom Wicker, John Finney, Woodward Kenworthy, and other Times editors.

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